The Community Ethnic Relations Board readily submits its first annual report to the City Council this evening and it does so with high hopes and aspirations concerning the Board's future and what it can accomplish in the months ahead.

Although very little has been heard concerning its progress in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities as prescribed by ordinance last year, the Community Ethnic Relations Board has accomplished what was necessary in its formative year--to locate and develop the tools needed to fulfill its function. It met with experts in various areas that concern the Board's area of influence and from those meetings it obtained the direction needed in setting its goals as a functioning board. The Board is particularly grateful for the assistance of Richard Tankerson, Equal Opportunity Officer, Corps of Engineers, Southwest Region; Robert E. Starr, former Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission for the City of Fort Worth; and Berl Handcock, Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the State of Texas. Thanks to these men, and others, the Board has a clearer perspective of its role as a viable and instrumental entity in the community. Those meetings, coupled with the hearings that the Board held in the community, have produced goals that are essential to the Board's operation. A list of these goals follows.

First, the Board would like for the City Council to delete the two-year "self destruct" clause from the ordinance that established its existence. The Board believes that it must continue without a time limit and that